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Dear Dick,

Yours postmarked 17 & 18 arrive today.

The clippings on the study of the press interest me much. I'd heard a somewhat different story on radio, saw nothing at all in the papers, but did hear from a British correspondent, who had been queried by his own paper. The first report was the Italian paper's. It said more than the Telegraph. Thanks. I suspect this was a leak. It seems to be a much larger (and probably unconstitutional) thing. The CBS incident is getting fuzzy in my mind. I seem to recall it as the Masferer bit, but it may have been earlier or there may have been two.

By the time you wrote yours of the 18th you had not gotten the copy of the letter I had written John, telling him as explicitly as I felt I should that unless I got the assurances repeated I'd take those steps I consider necessary. The time has expired, but I'll wait a few days, then I'll write LOK and send him a carbon. I do not suggest that you or anyone else intercede, for I think it will redound to the harm of whoever does. You do not know John if you think reason can be pressure on him. Nor his concept of self.

Brener-Sprague: Suggest leaving it alone. He pays no attention to anything inconsistent with his own concepts.

Bringuier book: Bud ordered long ago, but hasn't arrived. I have asked another to get me a copy, so I may have two, one of which can be yours-if you are not in a hurry. It is not available here.

Sculpturing? Great-even if it weren't good!

Gary is very busy. Heard from him today. Short staff and increased schedule.

Got the Judy Bonner book today. What Lil read to me is precious, even for a Dallas reporter turned pr gal (is there a difference, except in pay?). I'll be writing her shortly.

Best regards,